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News and Notes from the
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MAY 1985

MARCH

Top 20 TITHES
Received by April 15th
(In Amount Given)

1.	MCC Dallas	Dallas	TX	$2826.31
2.	MCC of the Resurrection	Houston	TX	2164.02
3.	MCC Long Beach		CA	1367.20
4.	MCC Los Angeles		CA	1235.30
5.	MCC in the Valley	No. Hollywood	CA	1212.67
6.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana	CA	1157.62
7.	MCC of Greater St. Louis		MO	948.90
8.	Agape MCC of Ft. Worth		TX	751.41
9.	MCC of Greater Kansas City		MO	737.70
10.	MCC San Antonio		TX	719.90
11.	MCC New York		NY	658.08
12.	Joy MCC	Orlando	FL	558.97
13.	Ch. of the H.Spirit MCC -	Des Moines	IA	548.63
14.	Holy Covenant MCC	La Grange	IL	491.03
15.	MCC of the Disciples	Washington	DC	476.35
16.	Casa de Cristo MCC	Phoenix	AZ	463.55
17.	MCC Detroit		MI	460.08
18.	Christ the King MCC --	Oklahoma City	OK	452.65
19.	MCC San Jose		CA	432.74
20.	MCC Albuquerque		NM	373.55

MARCH

TOP 20 PER CAPITA
(Received by April 15th)

1.	New Covenant MCC	Garden Grove	CA	$ 25.54
2.	Christ Chapel MCC	Santa Ana	CA	22.61
3.	Harlem MCC	New York	NY	18.57
4.	Diablo Valley MCC	Concord	CA	18.45
5.	MCC Apostles of God --	Huachuca City	AZ	16.30
6.	Good News MCC	Lakeland	FL	15.48
7.	MCC San Antonio		TX	15.16
8.	Christ the Liberator MCC -	Princeton	NJ	14.57
9.	MCC of Greater Rochester		NY	14.22
10.	MCC of the Redwoods	San Rafael	CA	13.85
11.	MCC Long Beach		CA	13.67
12.	MCC San Jose		CA	13.57
13.	Calvary MCC	Redwood City	CA	13.55
14.	MCC Philadelphia		PA	13.39
15.	MCC of the Disciples	Washington	DC	13.22
16.	MCC of Greater St. Louis		MO	12.82
17.	MCC Charlotte		NC	12.73
18.	MCC in the Valley	No. Hollywood	CA	12.62
19.	Trinity MCC	New York	NY	12.13
20.	MCC Los Angeles		CA	11.96

PRAISES!!!

May will be the month for Premiere showings across the US of the TV special "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is our story." The guest of honor at our first dinner will be Mrs. Edith Perry, Troy's mother, and the theme of the evening will be "Our Mom Too!" Congratulations Mom Perry!!

Rev. David Farrell has announced that his church will be being filmed by Post Newsweek Network for a special feature concerning MCC San Diego and its struggles with a right wing group who has picketed their church over the last year. April 28th they are having a special "Freedom Day" celebration at 2:00 PM at MCC San Diego.

Adam DeBaugh was recently elected by the Board of Directors of the Gay Rights National Lobby to serve on the "Executive Committee" of the GRNL. Congratulations Adam.

Trinity MCC praises God for a joyful and blessed Christmas. As part of its outreach to the community, Trinity MCC shared a part of its annual Christmas offering with the Gay Switchboard of New York and with the Gay Men's Health Crisis of New York in memory of Jesus Maisonet, our friend and long-time member of ICM-Hispana. To God be the glory!
We pray that everyone is well and ask the prayers of everyone in the Fellowship Offices for those afflicted with aids. It seems that in New York City we are averaging an astounding rate of cases. Trinity averages hearing about someone we know at a rate of two per week. We must answer God's call to minister and we must continue to faithfully pray for a cure.
Our best wishes to all. (Acts 4:12)

** note: Our apologies for not having previously printed this information. Thanks for sharing it with us!!

Congratulations to Rev. Ron Bergeron, District Coordinator of the Eastern Canadian District, and Mr. Carol Richer for their Holy Union to be celebrated May 11, 1985.

HELP WANTED!!! PRAISES ARE DESPERATELY SOUGHT BY THE CLERK OF THE BOARD OF ELDERS. I just know there are dozens of as yet unpublished praises that you would like to share with us -- BE CREATIVE!!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All God's Children MCC in Minneapolis, MN, is seeking a woman assistant pastor. We offer a housing allowance and access to United Theological Seminary. Ideal for a woman working on an M.Div. degree. Student clergy candidates welcome. Contact the Rev. Roy Birchard, pastor.

Beginning on 4 April 1985, the four metro-Chicago MCCs -- Christ the Redeemer MCC/Evanston, Church of the Resurrection MCC/Hyde Park, Good Shepherd Parish MCC/NewTown and Holy Covenant MCC/Hinsdale -- will be kicking off a new 24-hour "InfoLine" cooperatively staffed by volunteers from all four congregations. The new phone number for all the churches will be 327-5168.

By calling 327-5168 one will always get an MCCer who has information on all four congregations in the Chicago area especially times and locations for worship services, social events and educational programs.

This effort is also a landmark event for our Fellowship being the first time neighboring congregations have come together in a cooperative, long-term effort such as the new InfoLine.

A Mass for aids will be held Sunday, May 5th at 4:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of St. Augustine By the Sea in Santa Monica. In attendance will be many well-known personalities including the new Mayor of West Hollywood - Valerie Terrigno, Rev. Nancy Radclyffe, Rev. Malcom Boyd, Rabbi Janet Marder and Rev. Steve Pieters, just to name a few. The Gay Men's Chorus of Los Angeles will also be participating in worship with Mass in B flat by Antonio Lotti. This is a very special time for each of us to celebrate the commitment to ourselves and to each other, to our community, and to our living God--all at a time of division, fear and uncertainty. If you cannot attend, please be in prayer with all of us on that special day, for all those afflicted with aids and their loved ones.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Rev. Grant Ford, District Coordinator of the Great Lakes District has had back surgery, and will be in a long recuperation period. Please keep Grant in your prayers, cards and letters may be sent to Holy Covenant MCC, P.O. Box 641 La Grange, ILL 60525.

Our Love and Sympathy are expressed to Rev. Jim Glyer, lover of Albert Williams who died April 2, 1983 after a prolonged illness. Expressions of love and support may be sent to Jim c/o MCC Portland, 1644 NE 24th Street, Portland, OR 97232.

Our love and prayers also are extended to the friends and family of Mr. Merwyn Price, who died April 9, 1985. Mr. Price was a member of MCC Dallas and a long-time friend of Rev. Elder Don Eastman.

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BOARD OF ELDERS

PASTORAL DIRECTIVE

The Board of Elders passed a pastoral directive concerning our views of adults having sex with children. It is as follows:

While the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches strongly endorses the concept that control over our own bodies is a God-given right as well as a major issue in the foundation of our Fellowship; we equally recognize that our relationships with others must be based on mutual, informed consent.

In light of this position the Board of Elders issues the following Pastoral Directive to all our member Churches:

> All coercive sexual activity with persons who are helpless in the situation by virtue of age, abilities, dependency, or any other circumstances, cannot be approved or condoned.
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> Further, sexual activity between adults and children can never be condoned by the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches under any circumstances. Such activity is always inherently coercive even when it appears on the surface to be voluntary and a product of mutual consent. The disenfranchisement and the dependency of children in all cultures in the world underscores the reality that adults hold both overt and covert power over children to the degree that informed consent is not possible.

UFMCC MAILING LIST

Did you know that the General Offices of the Fellowship has a 3,000 plus name mailing list? Would you like to be on this mailing list? If so, please send us your name and address. While you're at it, why not send us the names of friends who might also like to receive mail direct from us. Please send the information to: UFMCC Mailing List
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Los Angeles, CA 90029-9990

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Address:

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GENERAL CONFERENCE XII - UPDATE

Pack your bags and plan to join us in Sacramento starting June 30 for Conference XII. The excitement continues to grow as the time for Conference draws nearer. Registrations by the hundreds are pouring into the Fellowship Offices and Pre-Conference packets will be mailed to all registrants around May 15th.

The music promises to be absolutely terrific as we at the Fellowship learn more and more about the plans of Rev. Danny Ray. Rev. Ray was in Los Angeles recently on his way to Sacramento where he was making final arrangements for sound systems and instruments.

The Conference opens on Sunday night after worship service with an informal reception with plenty of food, a cash bar (with one complimentary drink) and some great entertainment by Romanovsky and Phillips, along with Judy Fiel. Just a reminder; you must purchase an event pass to attend either or all of the 3 planned receptions. Those are the Opening Reception, Human Rights Breakfast and the Joe Gilbert Reception. Passes must be purchased 48 hours before a reception to allow for proper catering so don't wait until the last minute because you'll miss out and there can be no exceptions on the time limit. So, if you want to attend the Opening Reception you must purchase a pass before you go to Conference, and the Human Rights Breakfast pass must be purchased by 5p.m. Sunday, June 30th. All mail in orders must reach the Fellowship Offices by Friday, June 21st and on site purchases can be done on Saturday and Sunday June 29th and 30th from 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. for the Breakfast.

Conference packets can be picked up at the registration area of the Convention Center starting on Saturday, June 29th, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, June 30th, from 2 p.m. thru 7:30 p.m. Conference on site registration can be done at the same times during the weekend and daily starting on Monday, July 1st, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Monday, July 1st, everyone will want to attend the showing of "God, Gays and the Gospel: This is Our Story" and hear the official Conference Opening remarks of the Rev. Elder Troy D. Perry.

The excitement continues all week with business, programs, workshops, seminars and forums. The Ordination Service and Reception on Saturday July 6th which is so far being sponsored by the Fellowship, MCC Long Beach, Church of the Holy Spirit MCC, Christ the King MCC, MCC Ottawa and MCC of Greater Kansas City. We are looking for more sponsors for this reception to honor our newly ordained brothers and sisters. Please contact the Fellowship Offices if you wish your name added to our Sponsor List.

Don't put it off any longer, send in your Registration, and join us for Conference '85 "FREE TO BE."

NEW PAMPHLET
aids: A Christian Response from Metropolitan Community Church

This new pamphlet from UFMCC was written by the Reverend Stephen A. Pieters and reflects his own experience as a person with aids.

The Rev. Pieters has served UFMCC congregations in Chicago, Hartford and North Hollywood. It is excellent resource material dealing with questions about "Where is God in the aids crisis? What can the local church do?" etc., A sample copy is enclosed.

Additional copies can be ordered through the UFMCC Department of Church Services at the following cost: (Note: prices do not include postage)

Single Copy	$0.20
25 Copies	$5.00
50 Copies	$7.50
100 Copies	$12.00
500 Copies	$55.00

FREE TO LEARN!

Please remember to set aside one Sunday in the month of May as Samaritan Sunday. The special collections that day will be used to carry on the work of education in our Fellowship. It is through your collections that SAMARITAN COLLEGE and SAMARITAN EXTENDED STUDIES and EXCEL can help every member of our Fellowship around the world to be FREE TO LEARN! Throughout this month, please remember the educational ministries of UFMCC in your prayers as well as in your offerings. Without SAMARITAN, we would be a lot less free to follow the loving call of our Christ. Direct inquiries and offerings to: Samaritan, 3327 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90004

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

New Address: Rev. Claudia Vierra,
Chair, C.C.C.C.
P.O. Box 2662
San Rafael, CA 94912

New Phone: (Message - Temp.)
415/ 459-0750
(Emergency - Temp.)
415/ 383-6041

MAY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
				← South Central District Conference, Houston, TX →		
5 Samaritan Sunday (May be celbrated any Sunday in May)	6 May Day Holiday (U.K.)	7	8	9	10 Fellowship and District Tithes Due *District Coordinators Reports Due* Samaritan College: End of Spring Term ← Northwest District Women's Retreat, Gualala, CA —	11
12 N.W. Women's Retreat → Mother's Day	13	14	15	16 ← North Sea District Conference → Ascension Thursday	17 ← District de l'est du Canada Conference, Quebec → ← Northeast District Conference, New Haven, CT — ← Mid Atlantic District Conference, Norfolk VA →	18 ← Western Canadian Dis-
19 — trict Conference, Winnipeg, Manitoba → ← Eastern Canadian District Conference, Quebec → NE Dist Conf, New Haven →	20 Victoria Day (Canada)	21	22	23	24 ← South West District Conference, Long Beach, CA — ← Great Lakes District Conference, Detroit, MI — ← Northwest District Conference, Spokane, WA —	25
26 — S.W. Dist. Conf. LB → Great Lakes Dist. Conf. → — N.W. Dist. Conf., WA → Penecost Sunday	27 Memorial Day Spring Holiday (U.K. not Scotland)	28	29	30	31	CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUB SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE JOURNEY SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUI SUBSCRIBE SUBSCRIBI CRIBE SUBSCRIBE SUI

JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			☐Want to be on our mailing list? ☐Have you moved? ☐Changed phone number? ☐Changed post office box? **PLEASE LET US KNOW IMMEDIATELY!** Name _____ Old Address _____ New Address _____ Phone Number _____			1
2 Trinity Sunday	3 Holiday (Republic of Ireland)	4	5	6	7	8
9	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due *District Coordinators Reports Due*	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Counseling/Christian Education, MCC Seattle, Washington

Northwest District Men's Retreat & Gathering, Ore.

Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Worship/Preaching, MCC New York

Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Counseling/Christian Education, MCC Seattle, Washington

N.W. Men's Gathering

Flag Day

Clergy Credentials

Orientation to MCC Pastoring: Worship/Preaching, MCC New York

Orientation, Seattle

Father's Day

Orientation, New York

Clergy Credentials and Concerns Committee, Sacramento, CA

Faith, Fellowship and Order Working Session, Sacramento, CA

Government Structures and Systems, Sacramento

Third World Ministries Meeting

Hispanic Americas District Conference

Fellowship Memorial Sunday

F.F.O.

St. Jean Baptiste

Board of Elders Meeting

JULY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Quarterly Pension Assessment Due To: Board of Pensions P.O. Box 9170 Anaheim, CA 92802	2	3	4	5	6 Eleventh Anniversary of MCC in Australia
	← General Conference XII: "Free To Be", Sacramento, CA, U.S.A. →					
	Canada Day			Independence Day		
7 Gen. Conf. XII Sacramento	8	9 Samaritan Six Week Program "Orientation to MCC Pastoring" Begins in Los Angeles, California	10 Fellowship & District Tithes Due *District Coordinators Reports Due*	11 Anniversary of Founding MCC Sydney, Australia	12 Holiday (N. Ireland)	13
14	15	16 Quarterly Financial Report Due	17 First Church Started in Toronto, Canada 1973	18	19	20 ← Alaska State Retreat
21 Alaska State Retreat →	22	23	24	25	26	27 Rev. Elder Doctor Troy Perry's Birthday
28	29	30	31			